Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 20 May 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 21 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 20 May 2021 at 02:08 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions on Thursday and early Friday, then a better day on Saturday. Medium from Sunday.

Headline for Thursday 20 May 2021: Cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain. Windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 20 May 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
10%	40%	70%	70%	40%	30%

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Weather: Dry start with early brightness. Cloud thickening this morning with outbreaks of rain edging northwards. Patchy cloud soon developing over the summits, the cloud becoming extensive through the afternoon. The rain occasionally heavy and falling as sleet or wet snow at times over the highest summits. Driest conditions through Moidart.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% at first becoming 40% from late morning.

Visibility: Moderate in any rain and poor or very poor at times at height. Often good or very good visibility lower down. Extensive cloud lowering during the day, typical bases 600 to 900m this afternoon, the lowest bases expected to develop through the Trossachs and across the Arrochar Alps with higher bases for Lochaber and Mull.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	14/18 SE	26/34 SE	33/43 SE	44/57 E	41/54 E	37/48 NE	37/49 NE
900	16/19 SE	22/29 SE	27/36 SE	34/47 E	35/50 E	27/38 E	27/39 NE
600	6/8 SE	20/26 S	27/35 SE	39/51 E	43/55 E	28/38 NE	32/43 NE
300	5/7 NE	12/21 SE	15/24 SE	22/36 E	24/39 E	14/22 NE	18/30 NE
Glen	3/9 E	6/12 SE	6/15 E	11/21 NE	15/28 NE	13/26 NE	12/26 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	0/-5	0/-7	-0/-8	-0/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10
900	3/-2	4/-2	4/-3	3/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5
600	6/4	6/2	6/1	5/-1	5/-2	4/-2	4/-3
300	8/6	9/6	9/5	8/3	7/2	7/3	6/2
Glen	9/8	11/10	11/9	10/8	9/6	9/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Temperatures around freezing over the highest summits with a significant wind chill and the risk of sleet and snow.

Forecast for Friday 21 May 2021
Weather: Mostly cloudy with showery outbreaks of rain overnight and during the morning, most persistent through the Trossachs and wintry over the summits. Some drier and brighter conditions should develop in the afternoon and evening with cloud lifting near or above the summits, although still some showers around, again wintry over the summits.

Maximum wind: Northeast 20 to 30mph gusting 40mph with a significant wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% becoming 80% through the afternoon and evening. Extensive cloud base 600 to 900m, rising 900 to 1200m in the afternoon and evening.

Visibility: Moderate in rain or showers, otherwise good or very good lower down. Poor or very poor at first over the tops, but becoming good through the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 12 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 to 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Around the summits early and late in the day.

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